

# MODULE 12 - COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF TEST

1. Name three common incident management problems that ICS was developed to solve:
2. In a “classic” organizational set-up, designate which of the following ICS activities would be part of a **line organization**, and which would be part of a **support staff**: (use L or S)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Operations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Liaison
- \_\_\_\_\_ Planning/Intelligence
- \_\_\_\_\_ Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finance/Administration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Logistics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety

3. All General Staff positions are activated for all incidents.

\_\_\_\_\_ True  
False

4. What determines the order in which General Staff positions are activated on an incident?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Operations Section is always first
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complexity of the incident
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cost considerations

5. Which of the following statements are appropriate guidelines related to the General Staff positions (check all that apply)

- ☐ General Staff positions will always be designated by the Agency.
- ☐ Only one person will be designated to lead each of the General Staff positions.
- ☐ Deputies must be assigned to each General Staff position from other agencies when the incident is multi-agency.
- ☐ General Staff positions may be filled by qualified persons from other agencies and/or jurisdictions.
- ☐ Each member of the General Staff reports directly to the Incident Commander.
- ☐ General Staff positions (sections) can be combined when necessary.

6. Name two factors that heavily influence the build-up of the Operations Section:

7. What is the major difference between deputy positions and assistants?

8. Name four major responsibilities of the Operations Section Chief.

9. The Planning/Intelligence Section Chief can assemble and disassemble strike teams, squads or mobile field forces not assigned to the Operations Section.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

10. Which of the following statements are appropriate guidelines related to the Command Staff positions.  
(check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Command Staff positions can be combined if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Command Staff positions may be filled by persons from other agencies and/or jurisdictions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy positions can be established at the Command Staff level.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assistants can be designated from other jurisdictions or agencies as appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Command Staff reports directly to the Incident Commander.

\_\_\_\_\_ Command Staff members may interact with any position within the ICS for purposes of information exchange.

11. The Information Officer provides information to the: (name three)

12. List two reasons why the Incident Commander may want to designate an Information Officer:

13. The Information Officer has the sole authority to approve and release press releases.

\_\_\_\_\_ True

\_\_\_\_\_ False

14. List two major responsibilities of the Liaison Officer:

15. The Safety Officer has the emergency authority to stop unsafe acts if personnel are in imminent life-threatening danger, and are operating beyond the scope of the Incident Action Plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ Except in the Operations Section

\_\_\_\_\_ Must have approval of the Incident Commander

\_\_\_\_\_ Not true

\_\_\_\_\_ At any time

16. A requirement for an Agency Representative is: